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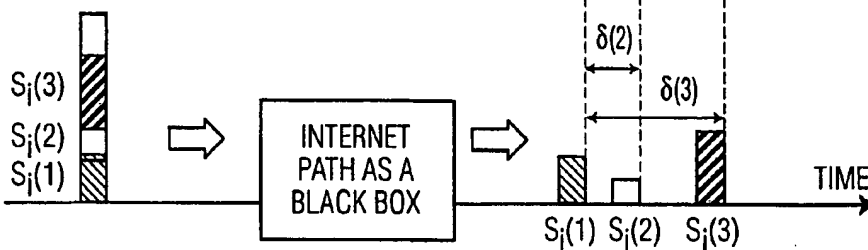
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BURST i TH CONSISTING
OF 3 PACKETS



IMPULSE FUNCTION ON
INPUT: SEVERAL PACKETS
BACK-TO-BACK

IMPULSE RESPONSE ON
OUTPUT: THE SAME PACKETS
ARE NOW SPREAD OUT

(57) Abstract: A method and device for estimating the bottleneck bandwidth over a communication network is provided. The method includes the steps of: transmission by the sever through a bottleneck link a plurality of bursts comprised of packets to the client; calculating a set of bandwidth samples for each burst received by the client end; determining a new bottleneck bandwidth from the calculated bandwidth samples for the following transmission of data packets between the server and the client. The device capable of estimating a bottleneck bandwidth includes: a means for transmitting a plurality of bursts comprised of packets; a means for receiving each burst packets via a bottleneck link; a means for generating a set of bandwidth samples based on a difference between an inter-packet spacing between the first and the last packet within each burst; and, a means for determining the current bottleneck bandwidth from the generated bandwidth samples.

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1. Claims: 1-4,6

A method for estimating a bottleneck bandwidth rejecting bandwidth samples encountering an operating system delay of the client system.

2. Claim : 5

A method for estimating a bottleneck bandwidth rejecting bandwidth samples having a retransmitted packet.

3. Claim : 7

A method for estimating a bottleneck bandwidth for a low speed link.

4. Claim : 8

A method for estimating a bottleneck bandwidth for a high speed link.

5. Claim : 9

A method for estimating a bottleneck bandwidth in a multi-channel link.

6. Claim : 10

A method for estimating a bottleneck bandwidth which eliminates bandwidth samples having missing packets.

7. Claims: 11-23

A method and a device for estimating a bottleneck bandwidth wherein said bandwidth samples are computed based on a difference between an inter-packet spacing between the first and the last packet within each burst.